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**Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee
Special Meeting
April 24, 2026
Suffield Middle School Room C120**

Attendees: Melissa Finnigan, Brian Fry, Gianna Rossi, Maureen Sattan

Absent: Gregory Sparzo

Also Attending: Assistant Superintendent Laura Norbut, Suffield High School Principal Anthony Hibbert, Suffield High School Assistant Principal Shannon Insero

I. Call to Order – Subcommittee Chair Finnigan called the meeting to Order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Review and discussion of Suffield High School course offerings

The Suffield High School Course Selection Manual Audit was presented and reviewed. It identified current courses, approved courses that have had school-year gaps in running, and proposed courses that have not run. Subcommittee feedback on the report was positive, with Board members requesting it be presented regularly.

III. Career Clusters update

Assistant Superintendent Norbut updated the subcommittee on the Career Clusters Framework as updated by the State Department of Education. The Administration is reviewing and adjusting SHS's alignment to the modernized clusters so as not to negatively affect our Next Generation Accountability Score. Students with specialized interest in a subject area can be well-served by coursework that supports that interest. The Subcommittee recommended using the SHS Counseling department and their relationship with students to build schedules that serve their individual interests, rather than a prominent school-wide pathways structure.

IV. Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs) update

Assistant Superintendent Norbut briefed the Subcommittee on efforts to build opportunities for students to receive credentials to enhance post-secondary school employability. Administration will work with SHS staff to review available courses where embedded IRCs may make sense. Subcommittee members supported the availability of industry credentials for interested students and thanked the Administration for their efforts.

V. Adjournment: 9:40 am.